(b) Extension was granted once only. Copy of the order is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV B.*)

(c) It was not necessary to notify the extension in view of the Diwan's Notification, dated 2nd January 1924. (*Vide Appendix IV A.*)

(d) The present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is 61 years old. Extension was granted in the interests of the State service.

The tours and travelling allowance of the Diwans.

223. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In answer to question No. 397 requesting for information with regard to the names of officers who had the power to fix the programme of their own tours and the amount of travelling allowance drawn by each of them during the last 10 years, the name of the Diwan is found omitted.

(a) Have the Diwans no power to fix the programme of their tours?

(b) What is the amount of travelling allowance drawn by each of the Diwans of Cochin during the last 10 years?

(c) What is the special agreement, if any, with regard to their travelling allowance at the time of the appointment?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The name of the Diwan was omitted because, as His Highness' Chief Minister and the Chief Executive Officer of the State, the Diwan stands on a level apart from the other officers of the State.

(a) Yes.

(b) A statement containing the information available is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*) The records for the previous years have been destroyed.

(c) The travelling allowance of the Diwans, if British officers, is regulated by the rules in British India, and if not, by the rules in *the C. S. R.*, or by the term of appointment, if they are already Cochin Government officers, and by special agreement in the case of others.

Officers who held powers of appointment.

224. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the officers who held the powers of appointment during the last 10 years;

(b) the total number of appointments which each of them made;

(c) the total number of each caste or class to which the appointees belonged (sub-division of a caste as shown in

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the service book of each appointee may be made the basis of classification);

(d) the total number of the relations and dependents of the officers appointed by them? (Relations should include the relations of the wives of the officers also).

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a), (b), (c) and (d) The Government can ill afford to collect the information called for under such a variety of heads and for such a long period and they consider that no public purpose will be served thereby.

The compilation of the Malayalam Dictionary.

225. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to give—

(a) the details of expenditure of Rs. 902 and odd incurred for giving up the idea of compiling a Malayalam Dictionary;

(b) the exact reasons that led the Government to that decision;

(c) whether for the encouragement of the Malayalam language they will push on the scheme instead of making the Malayalam Improvement Committee attend to unimportant works as at present?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The details of the expenditure incurred for compiling the Malayalam Dictionary are given below :—

1.	Pay and remuneration to workers	Rs. 815-15-0
2.	Miscellaneous contingencies	30-10-10
3.	Purchase of Dictionaries	51- 6-0
4	Postage, etc.	4-12-4
	Total Rs.	902-12-2

(b) The scheme was not pursued, as the progress did not justify it.

(c) Vide answer to part (b) above.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the nature of the work transacted for giving up the idea of the compilation of the Malayalam Dictionary? (*Laughter.*)

President.—We made an attempt to compile a Dictionary, and, in order to give up that, we had not to spend money.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The nature of the work for giving up the idea. What is the work that is actually done? What is the work done for giving up the idea?

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